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What can you tell us about Chinese missile and nuclear proliferation?

Answer

- o During my trip to Beijing last November, we made progress on proliferation.
- o The Chinese made major commitments regarding nuclear and missile proliferation.
- In keeping with these, China's legislature has ratified the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty and we expect China will accede to the treaty early this year.
- The Chinese agreed to observe the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) guidelines and parameters in their exports to all countries, including Syria, Iran, and Pakistan, provided we lifted the June 1991 sanctions imposed in response to transfers of PRC missile technology to Pakistan.
- During their meeting in New York, the President again told Prime Minister Li Peng how important it was for China to refrain from exports of destabilizing missiles or their technology. The Chinese reiterated their willingness to observe the MTCR guidelines and parameters.
- The Chinese have confirmed in writing their commitment to observe MTCR parameters and guidelines. As we have announced, the administration is lifting the sanctions imposed on China last June.
- We will continue to closely monitor Chinese behavior to insure that Beijing's actions are consistent with its words. We have stressed to the Chinese that they will face new, broader sanctions if they undertake further transfers that are inconsistent with U.S. missile proliferation law.

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